

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 855

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Henry Smart, Jr., of Dickson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Henry Smart, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smart was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Charles Henry Smart, Sr., and Ermal McCord Smart, Charles Smart, Jr., was born in Davidson County and graduated from Father Ryan High School in 1956; and

WHEREAS, having nobly served his country as a member of the United States Army, he attended Peabody College for two years and graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in 1961; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Mr. Smart served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Optometric Association, for which he also served as President; the Optometric State Board of Examiners; the Tennessee Academy of Optometry; the American Optometry Association; the Dickson Board of the American Cancer Society, for which he also served as President; and the Dickson Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smart was an active and devout member of St. Christopher's Catholic Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smart was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Charles Smart, Jr., enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-four years, Mary K. Dempsey Smart; he is further survived by his children and their spouses,

William Smart and his wife, Tammy; Paul Smart and his wife, Karen; Jean Marie Moles and her husband, Dale; Daniel Smart and his wife, Kelly; and John Dempsey Smart and his wife, Kara; his eight grandchildren, Charlie, Katharine, Mary Jean, William David, Andrew, William O'Neil, Grace, and Jillian; his sister, Joann Satterfield, and her husband, Ed; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smart leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles Henry Smart, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Smart.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.